

E UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

GERARD et al.

Appl. No.: 09/064,057

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Compositions and Methods for

Reverse Transcription of Nucleic

Acid Molecules

1635 Art Unit:

(To be Assigned) Examiner:

Atty. Docket: 0942.4330002/RWE/BJD

Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In advance of prosecution in the above identified matter, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 6, 7, 9, 11, 17, 19, 24, 25, 27, 29-32, 35, 36, 38, 42, 44, 45, 47-50, 58-60, 67, 69, 70, 72-75, 77-80, 86, 91-96, 103-107, 111, and 113, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Remarks

No new matter has been added by these amendments. Applicants have canceled the above-noted claims solely to reduce the number of excess claims.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that are otherwise provided for in the accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are